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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 21, 2002.

Please reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks presented below.

Applicant submits herewith a request for a two-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$200.00. An Information Disclosure Statement and a Request for Continued Examination are also filed concurrently herewith. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. It is respectfully requested that entry of the following Response and Amendment will place the claims in order for allowance.